GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5035
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TELEPHONE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria/guidelines for formation of Telephone Advisory Committee (TAC);

(b) whether the requests from members of Parliament for nomination of members to TAC are not being accepted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Telephone Advisory Committees (TACs) are constituted taking into account different types of users of telephone service by giving proper representation of persons representing them, for each Telecom district which is headed by an officer of the rank of Junior Administrative Grade and above. Besides this, TACs are also constituted for each Telecom Circle and Union Territory except in U.P. where Zonal TACs are functioning one each at Dehradun, Lucknow and Varanasi. A TAC is constituted after nominations to various TACs are made in the prescribed categories by Hon`ble Minister of Communications after considering all the representation and recommendations received from various sources i.e., Union Ministers, MLAs, VIPs, field offices and requests received directly in the Telecom Commission Headquarters including requests received from Hon`ble Members of Parliament.

(c) Does not in arise in view of (a) & (b) above.